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Serial No.: 09/866,896

Confirmation No. 5588

Applicant: Levine et al.

Filed: May 29, 2001

TC/Art Unit: 2182

Examiner: Sorrell, Eron J.

For: **METHOD FOR EXTENDING A NETWORK MAP**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the office action mailed March 16, 2005. A three (3) month extension of time is submitted to extend the deadline for response to September 16, 2005. Reconsideration and favorable action are requested, for the reasons set forth below.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Related Applications:

Please amend the related applications as follows:

This application is related to the following commonly-owned applications: "Method For Generating A Network Map," Serial No. 09/866,884 [[xx/yyy,zzz]], filed May 29, 2001; "Method For Predicting File Download Time From Mirrored Data Centers In A Global Computer Network," Serial No. 09/867,141 [[yy/xxx,zzz]], filed May 29, 2001; and "Global Load Balancing Across Mirrored Data Centers," Serial No. 09/866,897 [[xy/xxx,yyy]], filed May 29, 2001.